

provision for this work. The Government asked me whether I could not do it from the lump provision of Rs. 3,000 which is ordinarily made in the budget. I said it is not possible to do so, because we do not want to spend half the amount in one place while so many roads in other places required funds. In view of this cut motion I shall see if I can divert a larger portion of this lump sum along with some of the savings which could be had by tender deduction and do this work in the coming year.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ജെ. മത്തായി: ആയിരത്തി അഞ്ഞൂറു രൂപയോളം ഇതിനു ആകെ ചിലവു വേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നു പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ഈ നാലുമൂലയും പെട്ടെന്നു നന്നാക്കണമെന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നില്ല. അനവധി ബഡ്ജറ്റുകൾ നിത്യവും പോയിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതായ ഈ സ്ഥലത്തു് ഇക്കാര്യം ഒരു മൂലയെങ്കിലും നന്നാക്കിയാൽ മതി. ബഡ്ജറ്റ്, മോട്ടോർകാർ, ഇലക്ട്രിക് സെനിച്ചവന്നാൽ അവിടെ ചിലയ കഷ്ടപ്പാടാണ്. ഇതു് വളരെ പ്രധാനമായ ഒരു സംഗതിയാണ്. ഏതായാലും ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ ചേണ്ടതു കഴിയുന്നതുവേഗത്തിൽ ചെയ്യുമെന്നുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം പിൻവലിക്കുവാൻ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട സഭയുടെ അനുവാദം ചോദിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 8.

To erect parapets on the sides of the Nelliampathi Road.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): Mr. President, Sir, I rise to move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,08,200 for Communications—Original by Re. 1 to discuss the need for erecting parapets on the sides of the Nelliampathi road at least in places where the road has been cut on rock faces.

Sir, this is a very vital question affecting the Nelliampathi planters and those of us who have gone to Nelliampathies have never escaped a shuddering feeling when we come to such places. If I may say so, in some places, the steepness will be far more exceeding than in some portions of the Coonoor road and some such portions are cut on the rock-face. I have not often escaped a feeling of shuddering when my car covered such portions of the road and I am sure it will give a shock to anybody who passes that way. I think, in one place we can see even a depth of 1,500 feet or 2,000 feet. The Chief Engineer will support me when I state that the condition of the road after the 11th mile, for example, is not very good. Therefore, I only pray that parapet walls may be put alongside the road. We have spent about 3 lakhs of rupees on that road. I once asked the Diwan President to be pleased to visit that place.

Mr. President: After the statements made by the hon'ble member I am hesitating.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): We can certainly entrust the safety of the Diwan when he travels there on the broad shoulders of

the Chief Engineer. The Nelliampathies are a delectable place from the point of view of scenery. It is important from an economic point of view also. Large fertile areas are ready there for tapping. Already thousands of acres are planted with tea, coffee, cardamom, etc. I have brought to the notice of the Conservator of Forests that immense possibilities are before us on the top of the Nelliampathies. It is so very pleasant in summer. You will feel that you are in a wonderful garden if you go there in summer. From several aspects of the question that place will, I am sure, eventually become the Coonoor of Cochin. There will then be no necessity for our Diwan to go up to Coonoor and other places during summer. I hope a time will come when the seat of our Government during summer will be on the Nelliampathies. I therefore bring to the notice of the Chief Engineer the urgent necessity of carrying out these works as early as possible.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi): Will the planters contribute anything?

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): I must really ask them.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): There are certain portions in the Nelliampathies where a person going for the first time may have some fear, but when he returns he will not feel it so bad. But I shall see that some parapet walls are put up. It is not really dangerous, but one feels as if it is dangerous.

Mr. President: It is easy to make small parapets.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): We shall do that.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): In view of the very kind assurance given to me by the Chief Engineer I beg leave to withdraw my cut motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 9.

To construct a road from Kallettumkara Railway Station to Thazhekad.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): Sir, I beg to move that the allotment of Rs. 2,08,200 under Communications Original, be reduced by Re. 1, to request the Government to construct a road from Kallettumkara Railway Station to Thazhekad. During the past one decade the people of the locality have sent numerous petitions for the construction of this road. They have submitted petitions to the Diwan as well as to the Minister. If we go to the Minister he will say the work costs Rs. 15,000 and it is beyond the scope of his department. If we go to the Diwan, he will say there is the Road Board. So from the Minister to the Diwan we were petitioning for the past 10 years. The people are really anxious to know